

Revision of *Basic Housing Inspection*

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In 1976 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention published *Basic Housing Inspection* as a reference text to use for training state and local officials in housing and building code programs. The training manual was also used as basic course material in several university-based curricula, especially schools of public health. As copies of *Basic Housing Inspection* became exhausted, the University of Wisconsin reprinted this training manual a number of times. Revisions are now needed to reflect new technologies, new code requirements, and omissions from the original document that include discussions on home fire sprinklers, asbestos, lead-based paint prevention, insects and rodents, mold and moisture, and structural aspects.

The National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH) will revise *Basic Housing Inspection* to include the following topics:

- Building technologies,
- Current housing code requirements found in the current major model US codes.
- Insects, rodents, and other vermin,
- Building materials including, but not limited to, asbestos, stucco, and formaldehyde-based products,
- Structural aspects including modern construction techniques,
- Construction modifications for special locations such as for high wind protection,
- Gas equipment connections, furnaces, space heaters, and carbon monoxide considerations,
- Fire safety including home sprinklers, egress, smoke detectors, and fire extinguishers,
- Carbon monoxide detection systems,
- Radon in homes,
- Asbestos in older homes,
- Lead-based paint,
- Modern plumbing materials and requirements such flow restriction devices,
- Inspection entries from uncooperative landlords such as those involving warrants,
- HVAC requirements, and
- Americans with disabilities act requirements.

NCEH will update the manual and provide it as hard copy and CD to HUD's Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control.